

FRENCH PORT
THEIR HAVENRussian War Vessels Are
Still in Kamranh Bay.

JAPAN MAKES PROTEST

Is Told That Does Not Know They Are There and Won't Know for a Good Many Days--Violation of Neutrality.

Saigon, April 20.—The Baltic fleet is still in Kamranh Bay. Admiral Dejeuquier, commanding the French vessels in this region, has taken every step to insure the neutrality of France while the vessels remain in these waters.

TOKIO IRRITATED.

Because France Allows Russian Fleet in Her Ports.

Tokio, April 20.—Although not reported directly, it is believed that the Russian second Pacific squadron continues the occupation of Kamranh Bay, or some other port of Annam, where it is expected to remain until joined by the third Russian Pacific squadron.

The report that Admiral Rojestvensky is maintaining a patrol and examining neutral shipping off Kamranh Bay increases the irritation toward France for permitting the use of that port as a base of operations.

The Japanese government continues silent regarding the representations on this subject which have been made to France.

The press, however, continues its agitation against France, demanding vigorous action.

ARE IN THE DARK.

Russian Officials Claim They Do Not Know Rojestvensky's Plans.

St. Petersburg, April 20.—The keenest interest is manifested in the dispatches referring to the Russian squadron commanded by Admiral Rojestvensky, but the admiralty claims to be as much in the dark as the public regarding the plans of the vice admiral.

The report that part of the squadron was sighted off Hong Kong is not credited here, however, as Hong Kong is far off his route. The main question with naval officials is whether Rojestvensky will elect to proceed northward through the straits of Formosa or bear off into the Pacific through the Bashi channel (south of the island of Formosa), or Balangian channel (north of the island of Luzon).

DON'T KNOW IT OFFICIALLY.

But Admit That Russian Fleet May Be in a French Port.

Paris, April 20.—The foreign office informs your correspondent that the French ambassador at Tokio has not received any protest from Japan regarding the alleged breach of neutrality in Indo-Chinese waters.

An attaché of the department says: "It is just possible that the Russians have selected some deserted point along the coast, or place which is not connected by telegraph with the French centers. Under such circumstances it would require eight or ten days to transmit the news to Paris. Therefore, if it is still true, that the Russians are still there it would be impossible for us to know it or take action."

JAPANESE PROTEST.

Against Allowing Russian Fleet to Remain in Kamranh Bay.

Paris, April 20.—The report that the Japanese protest through Dr. Matone, the Japanese representative here, that the continued stay of the Russian fleet in Kamranh Bay is a violation of neutrality and that they have asked for information, is confirmed. M. Delcasse, minister of foreign affairs, replied courteously. He said that the information asked for would be furnished, although it would require some time to obtain the facts and dates.

CAUSED GREAT SENSATION.

Prominent Russian Official Has Absconded With a Large Sum.

St. Petersburg, April 20.—A great sensation has been caused by the announcement that a prominent member of the council of the ministry of finance has absconded. He embezzled from the military fund for supplying the army with provisions. The police are making an active search for the absconding official.

Turning Movement Begins.

St. Petersburg, April 20.—A report from the front says a turning movement has begun 80 miles northwest of Kwan-chow. Two forces are participating, each composed of 3,000 Manchus and several thousand Japanese. The latter are supplied with 22 guns.

LONG AND PROLONGED.

Were the Earthquakes Felt in Valencia, Spain, Yesterday—Much Damage Done.

Valencia, Spain, April 20.—Long and pronounced earthquake waves which rose to the height of 20 yards were observed here yesterday. Innumerable fishes were killed by the phenomena, and many wells overflowed. Great damage has been reported, and it is believed that many people lost their lives.

LITTLE STRIPS OF PAPER.

These the Men Brought to House Where There Was Diluted Whiskey.

Rutland, April 20.—The taking of depositions for the respondent in the quo warranto case of Edward Pomeroy against Guy O. Kelton, which is an outgrowth of the contested aldermanic election, was continued yesterday and much sensational testimony was introduced. A. F. Duio testified that he had a large amount of diluted whiskey at his house on election day and that a large number of people came there to drink of it. Some of these men brought little strips of paper with them.

Louis Shortleaves testified that Frank R. Blanchard, superintendent of the Howe Scale works, gave him money last Sunday with instructions that he should "hurry up and get him away," meaning Joseph Shortleaves, the father of the witness, who is one of the men Kelton's attorneys have been trying to locate. The witness stated that he gave his father \$5 last Sunday night and that the latter went away early the following morning. He had no knowledge, he said, of where the "old man" went.

BEST ATTENDED YET.

Was the Caledonia County Road Meeting Yesterday.

St. Johnsbury, April 20.—State Highway Commissioner Gates met the road commissioners of Caledonia county yesterday and held a most profitable meeting. Mr. Gates is a graduate of St. Johnsbury Academy in the class of 1889 and this was his first official visit to the county. Every road commissioner in the county was present and the commissioners from the towns of Concord and Newbury in adjoining counties, while 20 selectmen from 15 towns attended the meetings. Commissioner Gates said it was one of the best attended gatherings held so far in the state, the percentage of commissioners being 100 and the attendance of selectmen being the largest of any county meeting yet held in Vermont.

VERMONT ODD FELLOWS.

Programme For Annual Meeting in Burlington.

The Grand Lodge of Odd Fellows and the Rebekah Assembly of Vermont will both hold their annual meetings in Burlington May 16, 17 and 18.

The meeting will be held in the Armory and the general programme will be as follows: Tuesday, May 16, session of the Grand Encampment, session of the department councils of Patriarchs Militant, annual parade of the different branches of Odd Fellows. In the evening the Patriarchs Militant will give a ball.

Wednesday, the 17th, will be largely taken up with the session of the Grand Lodge. In the evening the Rebekahs will hold a reception and the past grand masters will have a banquet.

Thursday, the 18th, will occur the annual session of the Rebekah Assembly. In the evening there will be an exemplification of the Rebekah degree by Antonia Lodge.

FATHER SCOTT OBJECTED.

Bout Scheduled for North Walpole Declared Off.

Bellows Falls, April 20.—The fight between George Ashley of Fall River, Mass., and Elmer McKelvey of Boston, for 15 rounds, scheduled to take place at North Walpole, N. H., this evening, has been declared off owing to an objection by the Rev. Fr. Scott, as the exhibition would take place in Lent and on Holy Thursday. The managers willingly acquiesced to his request, and it did not come to their mind when the match was made that the event would come during the Lenten season.

VILLAGE WATER SYSTEM.

Winooski Will Bond for \$40,000 to Pay for It.

Winooski, April 20.—At the village meeting last evening it was voted to purchase the Aqueduct property for a village water system, and it was further voted to bond for \$40,000 in payment of the same. By this action the Gill Brook system will be improved, and the supply increased by wells.

Running Business as Usual.

Bellows Falls, April 20.—Immediately after the prohibitory law comes into effect, state attorney, H. D. Ryder, notified the Crescent Bottling company, conducting a liquor establishment just across the river in New Hampshire, that it must not deliver any more of its goods to patrons in the village.

For the time being the company desisted, but claimed it had legal right to do so, and a recent ruling of the court sustains its claim. Upwards of two years ago it was incorporated as an express delivery company doing business in New Hampshire and Vermont. On the wagon it reads "North Walpole and Bellows Falls Express" and it is said to have a legal right to deliver parcels of any nature, not only in North Walpole, but this place, and it has resumed business as before.

Developing of Roxbury Marble.

Swanton, April 20.—M. W. Barney, superintendent for the Barney Marble company, has returned from Roxbury, where he has been arranging for the opening of the verde antique marble quarry. A new derrick was added to the plant last season and a new boiler will be installed this year. Thomas Kelley, boss quarriesman for the company, will go down next week with several men and begin operations. The demand for this beautiful green marble is growing rapidly.

St. Elizabeth's Chapter of the Church of the Good Shepherd will hold a May Festival Tuesday evening, May 2, in Hale's pavilion.

ARRAIGNED
FOR MURDER

Louis Trombley In Court This Afternoon.

MANY WITNESSES CALLED

Respondent Is Charged With Killing Louis Lamoreux in Winooski, on January 9, 1905.

Burlington, April 20.—The trial of Louis Trombley for alleged murder of Louis Lamoreux in Winooski January 9, was begun this afternoon in county court. State's attorney Sherman is assisted by Attorney General Fitts. Many witnesses have been summoned, and the trial is exciting much interest.

There are two respondents indicted in this case, Louis Trombley, and his brother, Athanas. As they had the As they had the right to be tried separately they made application for that, and it was granted. Rufus E. Brown is the defending counsel.

CHANGE FOR THE BETTER.

Condition of Joseph Jefferson Said to Be Improved.

West Palm Beach, Fla., April 20.—The changes for the better in the condition of Joseph Jefferson has been so encouraging to the physicians and the family, as to lead to the hope of ultimate recovery.

Mr. Jefferson was stronger last night. Throughout the day and especially the afternoon, Mr. Jefferson called for and was able to retain chicken broth and brandy and milk, after he had eaten with a great deal of relish half a one-pound grape fruit.

There is a cool breeze blowing from the ocean and the temperature ranged during the day from 70 to 65. Mr. Jefferson has a room on the second floor of his cottage, "The Reef," where he can see the ocean. He has always been fond of the water and during the day yesterday repeatedly referred to the sea.

MADE \$5000 ON \$50.

Peddlers Did Well on a Four Hour Realty Deal.

New York, April 20.—With an outlay of only \$50, Daniel Westerfeld and Solomon Zurener, two peddlers, in Jersey City, stand to clear \$5,000 out of a little real estate deal they pulled off yesterday. They have had no experience in real estate matters, but they found out that the Erie Railroad company wanted some property on Grove street.

They made a contract with the owner, William Perrow, to buy the land for \$10,000. They had only \$10 between them and they had to hustle around and borrow \$40 more. They paid down the \$50 to bind the bargain. Then they went over to the Erie road and sold it for \$15,000, just four hours after. Lawyer Peter James signed the papers in both transactions.

FIRST VOTE DEADLOCK.

Daughters of American Revolution Got to Vote Again.

Washington, April 20.—The first ballot for president-general of the Daughters of the American Revolution, resulted in a deadlock. The vote was, Mrs. Donald McLean, of New York, 342; Mrs. George M. Sternburg of Washington, D. C., 201; Mrs. Charles Warren Lippitt of Providence, 164. Necessary for a choice, 354. Another ballot will be taken today.

NO INTENTION OF RESIGNING.

Vice President Hyde of Equitable So Announces.

New York, April 20.—A committee of agents called on Vice President Hyde this morning and requested his resignation from the Equitable Life Assurance company. Hyde said he had no intention of resigning his office, as such a course would be cowardly and disgraceful.

NINE RESIGNATIONS ACCEPTED.

Of the Ten Pension Board Reviewers Who Had Been Accused.

Washington, April 20.—Secretary Hitchcock has accepted the enforced resignation of nine of the ten members of the board of review in the pension office who were accused of approving applications of members of Pennsylvania and New Jersey volunteer regiments that never served in the Civil War.

INSPECTION SEVERE.

Capt. Kirkpatrick Put Rutland Company Through Stiff Drill.

Rutland, April 20.—Co. A of this city was inspected today by Capt. G. W. Kirkpatrick of the 15th Cavalry at Fort Ethan Allen, assisted by General Gilmore of Fairlee. The inspection was the most severe ever known here. There were 42 men out.

Ubers Case Stricken Off.

Boston, April 20.—Judge Sheldon in supreme court today ordered the Ubers plantation company case, in which application for receiver of the concern had been made by stockholders, stricken from the list in view of the fact that Judge Lowell in the United States district court had already named receivers at the request of the officials of the company.

CONFERENCE
IN FULL SWING

Annual Gathering of Vermont Methodists at Enosburg Falls

BISHOP MOORE PRESIDES.

Roll Call Yesterday, Followed by Various Meetings Through the Day—Sessions Will Continue Through the Week.

Enosburg Falls, April 20.—The Vermont Methodist conference is now in full swing and the first gathering of Methodists promises to be one of the most successful ever held. The roll call yesterday showed 81 members present, with four reported as deceased, the Rev. Edward S. Morse of Brattleboro, Clerk Wedgeworth of Swanton, H. A. Bushnell of East Weymouth, Mass., and David L. Evans of Randolph Center.

The morning session today was taken up mostly with a praise service and the presentation of reports by the presiding elders. The Rev. J. O. Sherburne of the St. Johnsbury district was presented a purse, and the Rev. C. S. Nutter of the St. Albans district a loving cup.

The Rev. F. W. Lewis, who has been secretary of the conference for the past eight years, was again tendered the handsome compliment of a re-election by acclamation. The Rev. R. J. Chrysler of Craftsbury was appointed assistant secretary and the Rev. F. T. Clark of Windsor as registrar of the board of examination. The Rev. M. H. Smith of South Londonderry was re-elected statistical secretary with the Rev. Fred Daniels of Barnard as assistant. For treasurer, the Rev. S. H. Smith of Richmond was chosen, with the Rev. F. M. Barnes of Waitsfield as assistant treasurer. The Rev. Dr. A. L. Cooper of Randolph was re-elected biographical secretary and the Rev. W. N. Roberts of Pittsfield, railroad secretary. The conference adopted a resolution authorizing the employment of an accountant to assist the statistical secretary in his work and Mrs. M. L. Skinner of South Londonderry was selected for the position.

Bishop Moore arrived at the church at ten o'clock and was received by the large congregation standing. He immediately proceeded with the communion service, the sacrament being administered by him to the presiding elders and superannuated clergy and by the elders to the conference, they being assisted by the Rev. F. W. Lewis of Brattleboro.

The memorial service followed, the bishop naming the Rev. W. C. Johnson as presiding officer, and memorials were presented on the Rev. E. S. Morse, the Rev. H. A. Bushnell, the Rev. U. L. Evans, the Rev. Clarke Wedgeworth, Mrs. Fannie A. Jordan, Mrs. Anne E. Brigham, Mrs. W. D. Malcolm and Mrs. Daniel Lewis. The reports were accepted and adopted.

The bishop acknowledged dividends from the chartered fund of \$25 and from the book concern \$900. He announced that the amount necessary for the Episcopal fund was \$998 and notified the conference that it had fallen short \$313 last year.

The afternoon programme was changed somewhat, the Rev. W. P. Thirkfield, D. D., delivering an address on the anniversary of the Freedman's Aid and Southern Educational society. At this meeting the audience was favored with a solo, "In But a Stranger Here," by Miss Anna Mildred Hamilton. The conference missionary sermon, which was displaced yesterday will be delivered at two o'clock this afternoon by the Rev. S. G. Lewis of Barton Landing.

At 7:30 in the evening the anniversary of the Sunday-school Union and the board of education were held with the Rev. J. W. Hilsley presiding. The Rev. A. P. George, D. D., of St. Louis, Mo., field agent for the Sunday-school Union, and the Rev. F. W. Anderson, D. D., secretary of the board of education, delivered addresses.

NEW COMPANY FORMED.

The West River Railroad Company Has Capital Stock of \$150,000.

St. Albans, April 20.—The bondholders and mortgagees of the Brattleboro & Whitehall railroad met in this city today for organization, and elected directors. The capital stock of the new company, which goes under the name of the West River R. R., is \$150,000. Another meeting of the directors will be held in two weeks.

Jewish Passover Feast.

At sunset this evening the Jewish feast of Passover commences and will be celebrated by the Hebrews throughout the world with all the ancient ceremonial traditions of the race. It is one of the most important national feast days in the Hebrew calendar, commemorating the deliverance of the children of Israel from Egyptian bondage, and has been observed even under the most adverse circumstances down to the present day. For days preceding the festival the house undergoes at the hands of the Hebrew housewife a thorough scrubbing and cleaning from top to bottom; no leaven being permitted in the house, nor any utensil that has been employed with leaven food being used during the passover week.

GAS KNOCKED HIM OUT.

Waldo Bill of Montpelier Came Very Near to "Cashing In."

Waldo Bill, employed by the Capitol Gas company of Montpelier, is alive and rejoicing today. Yesterday he came near ending it all, unwillingly on his part. Bill was working in a ditch for the gas company, on Elm street, in Montpelier, yesterday afternoon, repairing a break. The fumes of gas overcame him and he dropped in his tracks. He was taken from the ditch unconscious. Dr. W. W. Brock happened to be going by at the time. He worked for ten minutes before he brought Bill around again, while a big crowd looked on.

FORMERLY LIVED IN BARRE.

Alice Lewis Died at Brookfield Tuesday Night, Aged 21 Years.

Miss Alice Lewis, aged 21 years, died Tuesday night at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. N. Lewis of Brookfield, after an illness with consumption. Miss Lewis worked in this city three years ago as stenographer for Young Bros., and made many friends here. She became a member of the Baptist church of this city. Besides her parents, she leaves a brother, Nelson Lewis, who is a clerk in Drown's drug store, and three sisters, Mabel and Carrie of Brookfield and Mrs. J. A. Martin of Canaan.

The funeral will be held from the house Saturday at 1:30 o'clock. The Rev. E. M. Fuller of Burlington will officiate. The interment will be in the family lot in the Brookfield cemetery.

FUNERAL OF A COMI.

Held Yesterday Afternoon and Was Largely Attended.

The funeral of Antonio Comi was held at 2 o'clock yesterday afternoon from the house on B street. There was a very large gathering of friends and relatives and there were many very beautiful flowers. The interment was in the Catholic cemetery.

The pall bearers were R. Calcagni; A. Ambrosini; C. Prestini; J. Colombo; L. Loria and G. Baraffio. The floral tributes were: Wreath from family; wreath from the employees of Barclay Bros. shed; carnations, second grade Ayer street school; carnations, W. C. Thompson and family; carnations, L. Solari; carnations, Mrs. Wright; carnations, Mrs. J. Bottamini.

FUNERAL AT CHURCH.

Burial of Madeline M. Bottinelli in the Catholic Cemetery.

The funeral of Miss Madeline M. Bottinelli, who died Monday night at the Heaton hospital, was held at 9:30 o'clock this morning from St. Monica's church, Father Gray officiating. The church was well filled with friends and relatives. The floral tributes were many and very beautiful.

The interment was in the Catholic cemetery.

ARM BROKEN.

Young Morgan Boy Fell and Suffered Serious Injury.

Master Morgan, the young son of David Morgan of 70 Ayer street, fell off some boards on Ayer street at noon today and broke his right arm near the wrist. He was taken to the office of Dr. Reid and the break was set.

Mysterious Telegram.

A telegram was received by H. W. Batchelder of Fairhaven Thursday that it took him several days to get over. It was sent from Jacksonville, Fla., and was worded as follows: "If you value your brother C. B.'s life or money get him away from his caretaker." (Signed) "Miss Carr." Mr. Batchelder tried to communicate at once with his brother but was unable to locate him for several days. He was finally found in St. Augustine and reported that he was in good health. Considerable mystery attaches to the telegram and it is not known whether it was sent in good faith by an interested party or by some one partly demented.

Large Shipment of Coal.

The E. E. Ellis Granite Co. of Northfield last week received the largest shipment of coal in a single car ever received in this section. In the car were over 53 tons of coal. The car, too, attracted considerable attention being the first of its class ever seen here. It was a Pennsylvania railroad car of the entire steel type. It was shaped after the fashion of a scow, the broad flaring ends being pitched so as to cause the coal to run out at the center of the car when the restraining device in the bottom of the car was released. The top of the car side was about 12 feet above the ground.

Horse Had Spinal Meningitis.

Dr. J. L. Rathbone, of Brattleboro, veterinary, last week chloroformed a chestnut mare owned by W. C. Mitchell, which was ill with spinal meningitis. Dr. Rathbone says that in his 19 years of practice this was the first characteristic case of spinal meningitis that had come to his attention.

Injuries Resulted in Death.

John Mahon, who fell while shingling the roof of Charles Withingham's house in Ludlow Thursday afternoon, died Saturday. He was 60 years old. Mr. Mahon was a veteran of the Civil War, a member of Co. H, 14th Inf., Vt. Vols. He is survived by his wife.

Mr. and Mrs. Abram Garfield, of Cleveland, Ohio, will probably pass the greater part of the coming summer at Bennington Center as the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Edward H. Harvey. Mr. Garfield, who is a son of the late President Garfield, is a well known architect of Cleveland. He made the plans and specifications for the remodeling of Mr. Harvey's summer residence at the Center.

LONG RUN,
LITTLE FIRE

Chemical Engine Responded to Cottage Street Alarm.

DAMAGE IS NOT OVER \$50

This Forenoon Two Plucky Women Put Out a Blaze in L. E. Armstrong's House on Perry Street, Unassisted.

The chemical engine of the fire department was called to a fire on Cottage street, in the Tomasi house, at a quarter after ten o'clock last evening. Joseph Pierce, who happened to be passing the house, saw the fire and telephoned an alarm. The contents of the two chemical tanks was used to extinguish the blaze which had got a lively start in the second story of the building. No water was used. The fire caught from the chimney. The loss is estimated at \$50, confined mostly to one room.

The department made good time to Cottage street. It was the first night call the reorganized department has had, and all the firemen were in bed at the time. Three men went out with the chemical, Chief Gladding, Driver Williams and Fireman Emerson. The hook and ladder truck made the hitch also, but did not go out. The horses were kept in harness, however, for fifteen minutes, according to the new by-law, subject to call from the chief.

The part of the building where the fire was located was occupied by a young man named Botanini.

WOMEN FOUGHT FIRE.

Displayed Good Nerve and Didn't Call Fire Department.

At ten o'clock this forenoon fire broke out in the house of L. E. Armstrong at Perry street, being discovered by Mrs. M. J. Davis, who worked for an hour before she was able to get it under control, as she supposed. Then the fire broke out again in another room. She was then obliged to call help, a neighbor, Mrs. Smith, responding. By great effort the women finally won out, without having to call out the fire department. Both women displayed great nerve in fighting the flames.

TO MOVE THE BELL.

Matt Haley Will Take Fire Alarm Bell to New Central Station.

Matt Haley has the contract for moving the fire alarm bell from the tower of the Spaulding school building to the tower of the central fire station on South Main street, and has begun the work of moving it. The removal was necessary, as the weight of the bell was beginning to crack the brick walls of the Spaulding tower. The brick work on the new tower is practically completed now, and the top will be put on when the bell is lifted down into place. Some difficulty is looked for in the moving as the bell is a heavy one. When that is done the new fire station will be completed, as carpenters are putting on the finishing touches in parts of the interior which necessarily had to be left till now.

FINISHED SUGAR SEASON.

F. C. Little Did Not Make So Much as Last Season, But It's Good.

F. C. Little is one of the last sugar-makers to finish for the season, and he closed today. There has been a light run of sugar this week, but not enough to amount to anything. Mr. Little has not made so much as last year, the total yield being 2,300 pounds, against 3,200 in 1904. He tapped a thousand trees. The average amount made by him is from two and a half to three pounds per tree, so it will be seen that this year is not quite up to the average with him. The quality of Mr. Little's sugar makes an easy market for him, and he has sold all the sugar and had only a few cans of syrup left.

ROBINS SUPPORTERS.

Will Meet for "Jollification" Next Wednesday Evening.

The supporters of John Robins for mayor at the last city election have decided to hold a jollification. It will be held next Wednesday evening, April 26th, in the rooms of the Manufacturers' Association in the Jackson block. The city council will be the guests of the evening. All of Robins' supporters especially invited to be present. Refreshments will be served and a literary programme presented.

SURPRISED BY FRIENDS.

Mr. and Mrs. A. T. Huntington of Montpelier, Visited Last Evening.

Mr. and Mrs. A. T. Huntington of Prospect street, in Montpelier, were surprised by 75 of their friends last evening, the occasion being the thirtieth anniversary of their marriage. They were presented various articles of furniture, including a Morris chair and a center table. The presentation speech was made by A. W. Prescott, auditor of the Montpelier & Wells River R. R.